



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on October 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2013. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 3 percent from 2013.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.01 million, 1 percent above 2013. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 437,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 770,000. For the month of September, placements are the second lowest since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.68 million, 1 percent below 2013.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during September, 5 percent above 2013.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 415,000 head on October 1, 2014, unchanged from last month, and 16 percent lower than October 2013. During September, placements of 43,000 head were 4 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 38,000 head were 28 percent below September 2013. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	266	257	97	23	20	20	24
California	505	415	82	45	43	53	38
Colorado	830	800	96	190	200	145	155
Idaho	190	180	95	62	64	41	38
Iowa	550	580	105	89	99	87	114
Kansas	1,980	1,950	98	390	400	355	325
Minnesota	101	113	112	17	20	14	18
Nebraska	2,090	2,130	102	510	520	390	400
Oklahoma	280	245	88	67	55	60	54
South Dakota	170	185	109	43	50	32	42
Texas	2,430	2,450	101	470	445	430	410
Washington	184	199	108	37	46	36	32
Other States	300	295	98	45	45	29	33
UNITED STATES	9,876	9,799	99	1,988	2,007	1,692	1,683

State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2014 2013
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	268	252	94
California	2	5	495	415	84
Colorado	5	5	870	840	97
Idaho	1	1	210	205	98
Iowa	2	5	550	560	102
Kansas	15	15	2,000	2,010	101
Minnesota	1	1	103	114	111
Nebraska	10	10	2,200	2,240	102
Oklahoma	2	1	285	245	86
South Dakota	1	3	180	190	106
Texas	20	15	2,450	2,470	101
Washington	1	1	184	212	115
Other States	1	2	315	305	97
UNITED STATES	62	65	10,110	10,058	99

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2014 totaled 109.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent higher than the previous month, but 22 percent lower than September 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,312 pounds, calves 99 pounds, sheep & lambs 131 pounds, and hogs 253 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in September 2014, and 700,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in September 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 3 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,344 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.2 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,300 head, down 33 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 57 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, down 2 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 191,900 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2014 commercial red meat production was 35.1 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

September 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
CATTLE						
California	144.5	97.9	183,628	127,166	1,279	1,312
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	1,046	925	1,173	1,094
Nevada	0.1	0.1	144	140	1,041	1,053
U.S. Total	2,608.9	2,529.6	3,418,550	3,391,329	1,313	1,344
CALVES						
California	15.7	8.7	1,513	848	97	99
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	62.9	42.3	14,634	12,213	234	291
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	25.8	23.4	3,470	3,055	135	131
Hawaii	(Y)	0.1	(X)	6	(X)	119
Nevada	0.1	0.1	6	12	123	116
U.S. Total	184.8	191.9	23,234	24,543	126	128
HOGS						
California	186.2	202.6	45,779	51,172	246	253
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	273	268	231	243
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	249
U.S. Total	9,023.9	8,828.8	2,461,443	2,498,630	273	283
RED MEAT	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014	Sep 14 Sep 13	Sep 14 Aug 14
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
California	140.3	100.4	109.7	78	109	
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.7	93	(Y)	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	109	(Y)	
U.S. Total	3,937.0	3,795.3	3,958.8	101	104	

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2014 was 65.4 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2013, but up 6 percent from June 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.92 million head, was up 2 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 59.4 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up 7 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2014 pig crop, at 29.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up 1 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.16 for the June-August period, compared to 10.33 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

PACIFIC REGION - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.29 billion pounds of milk in September 2014. This was 5 percent below August 2014 but 3 percent above September 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, 90 pounds less than August 2014.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		2013	2014	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014			2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,780	1,781	1,945	3,615	3,462	3,615	3,461	3,623	8,497	8,512	1,881	1,902	15,985	16,186
Feb.	1,780	1,780	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,400	3,225	3,396	8,498	8,513	1,732	1,750	14,715	14,899
Mar.	6/	1,781	6/	2,140	3,676	3,811	3,670	3,806	6/	8,521	6/	1,958	16,501	16,687
Apr.	6/	1,780	6/	2,065	3,622	3,676	3,617	3,671	6/	8,542	6/	1,912	16,105	16,332
May	6/	1,779	6/	2,110	3,720	3,754	3,718	3,750	6/	8,559	6/	1,977	16,648	16,922
June	6/	1,779	6/	1,995	3,489	3,549	3,485	3,544	6/	8,572	6/	1,893	15,860	16,227
July	1,780	1,779	1,895	1,980	3,373	3,522	3,371	3,521	8,522	8,583	1,850	1,909	15,762	16,388
Aug.	1,780	1,779	1,910	1,940	3,400	3,451	3,396	3,449	8,522	8,582	1,850	1,885	15,768	16,174
Sept.	1,781	1,779	1,795	1,850	3,197	3,291	3,196		8,508	8,586	1,748	1,804	14,874	15,485
Oct.	1,781		1,875		3,339		3,335		8,504		1,817		16,449	
Nov.	1,781		1,840		3,277		3,275		8,499		1,765		15,002	
Dec.	1,781		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,504		1,851		15,741	

1/ Revised 2013 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches.

Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow has been suspended; milk production totals are based on administrative data

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2013	August 2014	Sept. 15, 2014	September 2013	August 2014	Sept. 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	70.70	83.20	73.40
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	83.90	121.00	119.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	124.00	159.00	157.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	200.00	271.00	278.00
Milk Cows 5/ 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/ 7/	Cwt.	18.71	22.20	23.00	20.10	24.10	25.00

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

7/ September 2014 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.70

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	180.00	240.00	195.00	200.00	205.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	201.00	245.00	230.00	161.00	190.00	170.00
Idaho	Tons	180.00	200.00	190.00	180.00	180.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	196.00	260.00	240.00	190.00	225.00	215.00
Oregon	Tons	200.00	230.00	225.00	200.00	225.00	210.00
Utah	Tons	187.00	205.00	205.00	150.00	165.00	165.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	194.00	209.00	197.00	133.00	133.00	129.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.